



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of **CHILD SAFETY**

Mike Faust, Director
Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	11/7/19
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/1/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 8/31/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/3/19
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Bullhead City, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Cynthia Bustillos – age 33 – Bullhead City, AZ

7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On September 1, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old child involved in a near-drowning incident. The child was transported to the hospital where he required intubation due to his critical condition. On September 5, 2019, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Mohave County Superior Court. On October 3, 2019, the court found through the dependency proceeding that the child's mother, Cynthia Bustillos, neglected him by failing to provide proper supervision.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Cynthia Bustillos and/or the near fatality victim.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Lake Havasu City Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling to the near fatality victim was placed in the care of a relative. Upon discharge from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed with the relative.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department is providing services to the family including services to support the children.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.